

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I was not present to vote on H. Res. 1099. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 415.

IN HONOR OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GREEN RIVER AND THE ARRIVAL OF THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to the City of Green River for the 150th Anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Green River and the arrival of the Transcontinental Railroad.

The City of Green River, Sweetwater County Historical Museum, and the Green River Chamber of Commerce continue to proudly honor this great town's history and achievements, including Thomas Moran's famous "First Sketch in the West."

Additionally, the Transcontinental Railroad played a pivotal role in not only the development of Green River but Wyoming as a whole. On May 10, 1869, the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads were connected, creating the Transcontinental Railroad. The railroad brought great change to Wyoming and our nation alike. It opened new doors to economic opportunity, new trade markets, and even helped create the Wyoming Territory. In Governor John A. Campbell's inaugural address to the Wyoming Territorial Legislature, he said, "For the first time in the history of our country, the organization of a territorial government was rendered necessary by the building of a railroad." The Transcontinental Railroad was a historic achievement that continues to benefit the economy of our State to this day.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to the City of Green River for the 150th Anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Green River and recognize the historic significance of the arrival of the Transcontinental Railroad in Wyoming.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Day of Taiwan and its ongoing relationship with the United States. Relations between our two countries were cemented with the passage of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 and have flourished for nearly 30 years.

Throughout the decades, Taiwan and the United States have continuously stood strong

together against a number of challenges, while maintaining a steadfast commitment to one another's mutual security and prosperity. This commitment was first enshrined in the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (TRA) and was supplemented by the Six Assurances by President Ronald Reagan in 1982. The TRA and the Six Assurances form the foundation of America's unshakable relationship with Taiwan and today, I would like to express my personal and continuing support for these pillars of our strategic partnership.

Our ongoing commitment to cooperation also extends into the areas of trade and economics. In 2017, Taiwan was ranked as the 11th largest trading partner of the United States, the 11th largest U.S. export market and the 7th largest market for U.S. agricultural products. Taiwan has imported \$3.57 billion of food and agricultural products from the U.S. representing more than 28 percent of total imports of those products.

Taiwan also regularly sponsors trade missions to the United States in pursuit of agricultural products. Last year, these missions culminated in the signing of letters of intent to purchase approximately \$2.8 billion in U.S.-produced grains between 2018 and 2019. Similar missions are organized by the U.S. Commercial Service to assist U.S. companies in identifying opportunities in Taiwan. One such mission was recently organized in conjunction with the World Trade Center of Utah and led by Governor Gary Herbert to assist Utah-based companies, and other Western states, to network in Taiwan. I will continue to seek avenues where we can work together to further promote not only Utah-Taiwan relations, but U.S.-Taiwan relations in general. I hope my colleagues will join me in promoting this cooperation wherever possible.

Once again, I am proud to recognize Taiwan's National Day, and look forward to many years of friendly and prosperous relations between our two nations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 413, 414, and 415 on September 28, 2018, due to recent surgery. Had I been present, on roll call vote number 413, I would have voted YES; on roll call vote number 414, I would have voted NO; and on roll call vote number 415, I would have voted YES.

HONORING MRS. JANE BROWN,
M.ED.

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Jane Brown M.Ed., Executive Director of Child Care Resources of Rockland (CCRR), as she celebrates her retirement at A Benefit for the Child Care Tuition Scholarship Program on Wednesday, October 3, 2018.

Mrs. Brown has long been an educator, having taught a variety of age ranges, including school-aged, preschool, toddlers, and even infants, for more than 40 years. She has served as Executive Director since 2004 and in various other positions at CCRR for 13 years prior. Mrs. Brown also serves on several boards and advisory committees. She formerly served as the Co-President of the New York State Association for the Education of Young Children and President of the New York State Early Care and Learning Council. Mrs. Brown was recognized as a 2012 Woman of Distinction, Honoring Women in New York.

In addition to working hands-on with the children, Mrs. Brown has led professional development for numerous home-based staff and early childhood development centers. She worked with staff on developing stronger curriculums, interacting with children and families, enhancing the learning environment and helping teachers deal with the stress commonly experienced in the early childhood industry. Mrs. Brown has also taught courses at the B.A. and M.A. level and given local, statewide, and national presentations on early childhood education.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my fellow Members of Congress to join me in expressing thanks to Mrs. Brown for her 27 years of outstanding service, dedication, and passion to Child Care Services of Rockland and to the children and families of Rockland County and beyond.

CONGRATULATING JOHN HERNDON
ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, as a former Naval aviator, I rise today to congratulate a Navy veteran and longtime federal employee, John Herndon, on his retirement.

John is retiring from his position as a FG-14 Program Manager in the Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration. He served a total of 37 years, four months, and seventeen days in the federal workforce. After serving in the Navy for 20 years, six months and six days and deploying worldwide in support of reconnaissance squadrons, John retired as Maintenance Chief. His work serving our country both in and out of uniform deserves our utmost respect and gratitude.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Mr. John Herndon. May he have fair winds and following seas in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELDERS MINI
MART

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elders Mini Mart as it closes after ninety-eight years of operation in Caruthers, California.

Founded in 1910 by Lon and Bertha Elder, Elders Mini Mart was originally established as

a grocery store. The shop has seen multiple identity changes but has remained in the ownership of the Elder family throughout the decades. After operating as a grocery store, it transitioned into a bar. In the 1985, the Elders remodeled the bar into a barn, selling local produce and hosting dances in the community. Over time, the produce barn slowly transformed into Elders Mini Mart. It remained in operation until its closing on October 1, 2018.

Elders Mini Mart has been in the ownership of the Elder family since its founding. Lon and Bertha Elder passed down management responsibilities to Fred and Laura Elder, who then gave ownership to Ray and Pat Elder. When Ray sadly passed away in 2011, Pat maintained ownership of the store.

Elders Mini Mart has become a fixture in the Caruthers community. It is widely known for being the choice of farmers for their morning coffee and children would often get free ice cream at the end of a school day. The Mart has a reputation for having the best deli in town. Aside from being a popular meeting place for farmers and students, Elder Mini Mart has also historically supported the local Central Valley agriculture industry through selling local produce. It never went to waste; unsold fruits and vegetables being fed to their livestock.

Located off the 41, Elders Mini Mart gets customers from around the state, country, and world. Travelers stop at the store for a quick break, and unexpectedly find a warm atmosphere with a friendly owner and delicious food. If anything defines Elders Mini Mart aside from its rich history, it would be their ability to make all customers feel like part of the community. Their customer service was unmatched.

Pat Elder has been the sole owner since her husband Ray passed away. While effectively managing the store for years, she has decided the time has come to retire. She is ready to transition into the next phase of her life and is excited to have the opportunity to travel. After decades of hard work and service to Caruthers, she deserves a restful retirement with many exciting adventures.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Elders Mini Mart for ninety-eight years of operation and wishing Mrs. Pat Elder well in her retirement.

additional referral to the Committee on Natural Resources.

I ask that you allow the Committee on Natural Resources to be discharged from further consideration of the bill so that it may be scheduled by the Majority Leader. This discharge in no way affects your jurisdiction over the subject matter of the bill, and it will not serve as precedent for future referrals. In addition, should a conference on the bill be necessary, I would support your request to have the Committee on Natural Resources represented on the conference committee. Finally, I would be pleased to include this letter and any response in the bill report filed by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, as well as in the Congressional Record during floor consideration, to memorialize our understanding.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

BILL SHUSTER,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
Washington, DC, July 10, 2018.

Hon. BILL SHUSTER
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for contacting me regarding S. 756, the Save Our Seas Act of 2017, which was additionally referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

In the interest of permitting you to proceed expeditiously to floor consideration of this bill, I will agree to discharge the Natural Resources Committee from further consideration of S. 756. I do so with the understanding that the Natural Resources Committee does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matter contained in the bill that fall within its Rule X jurisdiction. I also appreciate your support to name members of the Natural Resources Committee to any conference committee to consider such provisions and for inserting our exchange of letters on S. 756 into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor.

Thank you once again for the very cooperative spirit in which you and your staff have worked regarding this matter and many others between our respective committees.

Sincerely,

ROB BISHOP,
Chairman.

FVPSA, originally enacted in 1984, is at the heart of our nation's response to domestic violence, ensuring that local domestic violence shelters and programs are able to keep their lights on and doors open to serve more than 1.3 million victims and their children every year.

FVPSA funds nearly hundreds of community-based programs. These programs provide emergency shelter, counseling, legal assistance, crisis intervention, and domestic and dating violence prevention education. FVPSA also provides funding for tribal governments to deliver essential services to survivors and supports the National Domestic Violence Hotline, which is often the first call made by survivors. H.R. 6014 would simply extend the current programs at current funding levels through FY 2023.

It's critical to remember that the most dangerous moment for women experiencing intimate partner violence is that point in time when they decide to do something about their situation, and that is the point in which there has just got to be a resource there. That is what the programs and funding through FVPSA helps to provide.

Mr. Speaker, recent high-profile cases have brought a national focus on domestic violence, but such violence isn't limited to Hollywood. The #MeToo movement has given all survivors a renewed courage to come forward for help. I cannot underscore enough that it is critical that Congress act to ensure that the resources and supports are in place to help them when they do. Passing FVPSA is a good step forward.

In that vein, I hope my colleagues will take the next step and bring VAWA reauthorization legislation (H.R. 6545), introduced by Rep. SHEILA JACKSON LEE and myself and over 170 of our colleagues, that would strengthen and improve those critical programs, to the floor as quickly as possible. No more needless delay.

I applaud colleagues on both sides for their work to help move this commonsense and noncontroversial bill out of the House last Friday. While we can't end every single act of violence, we must help create the space and the opportunity for these victims to be able to come forward and to leave these situations.

I hope that the Senate will act expeditiously to send this bill to the President's desk for signature into law.

S. 756, SAVE OUR SEAS ACT OF 2018

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letters of exchange which were to have been placed during consideration of S. 756 on July 25, 2018.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, July 10, 2018.

Hon. ROB BISHOP,
*Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN BISHOP: On June 27, 2018, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure ordered reported with amendment S. 756, the Save Our Seas Act of 2017. The bill was referred primarily to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, with an

REAUTHORIZING THE FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the House's action last Friday to pass legislation (H.R. 6014) to reauthorize the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, FVPSA, a bill that was introduced with bipartisan support by Rep. GLENN THOMPSON, myself, and Reps. ELISE STEFANIK and LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER. I am pleased that the House, on a bipartisan basis, was able to reach agreement and expedite passage of this key law. I again want to thank Rep. THOMPSON, Rep. STEFANIK, and Rep. BLUNT ROCHESTER for joining with me and their hard work in getting us to this moment.

TIFFANY JOSLYN JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the House of Representatives has passed H.R. 68, the "Tiffany Joslyn Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization and the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act."

Passage of H.R. 68 came about as a result of hard and great teamwork amongst our amazing staff on both sides of the aisle. I am heartened by the work done on this bill along with the other four bills up for unanimous consent. I commend Chairman GOODLATTE's leadership on this effort to help pass H.R. 68.